

REMARKS

Claims 6-8, 14 and 20-49 have been canceled.

Claims 1-5, 9-13 and 15-19 are pending.

The May 21, 2003 Office Action indicates that claims 1-5, 16-19, and 25 are allowed.

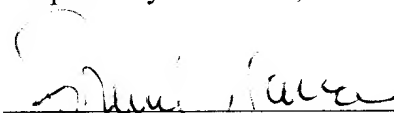
Claims 9-13 are objected to.

Claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, and 19 are amended for clarity and to overcome Examiner's objections to claims 9-13. No new matter has been added.

Claim 15 has been amended to recite that the seed is produced by selfing the plant of claim 2 or 5. Previous communication regarding similar inbred maize patent applications with the Patent Office has indicated that claim 15 as amended places it in allowable condition.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is ready for allowance. If any additional information is needed, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 541-8614.

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